

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An improved structure for a nominally floorless hikers' shelter having a raised, tensioned waterproof canopy supported at a front end and at a rear end by pole structure, comprising:

a shelter canopy ~~having~~ comprising a catenary ridgeline tensioned between a higher, vertical front arch support and a lower, outwardly-angled rear arch support, wherein the front and rear arch supports are tensioned by downwardly angled front and rear awnings that form tensioned extensions of the canopy through the arch supports, and wherein the front awning is circumferentially coextensive with the canopy at the front arch support, the front awning extending downwardly and forwardly to a lower edge raised off the ground when the shelter canopy is raised off the ground, the front awning being exclusive weather protection for a screened but otherwise unprotected vertical shelter door defined by the vertical front arch support.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the front and rear awnings are tensioned longitudinally by a plurality of spaced guylines extending axially from the front and rear awnings.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): An improved structure for a nominally floorless hikers' shelter having a raised, tensioned waterproof canopy supported at a front end and at a rear end by pole structure, comprising:

a shelter canopy ~~having~~ comprising a catenary ridgeline tensioned between a higher, vertical front arch support and a lower, outwardly-angled rear arch support, wherein the front and rear arch supports are tensioned longitudinally by downwardly angled front and rear awnings that form tensioned extensions of the canopy through the arch supports, wherein the front and rear awnings are tensioned longitudinally by a plurality of spaced guylines extending from the front and rear awnings, the front awning extending downwardly and forwardly to a lower edge raised off the ground when the shelter canopy is raised off the ground, and wherein the guylines from the front awning are attached to the front awning at spaced pullout points between the front arch support and a the lower edge of the front awning.

Claim 6 (original): The shelter structure of claim 5, wherein the lower edge of the front awning is releasably connectable to one or more of the guylines.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 5, wherein the lower edge of the awning can be rolled up to the spaced pullout points where the guylines are attached.

Claim 8 (original): The shelter structure of claim 7, wherein the awning includes means for securing rolled up portions of the awning.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 8, wherein the spaced pullout points include means for securing rolled up portions of the awning.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 5, wherein the awning is split, the split being closeable and extending from the lower edge of the awning to a location at or below the spaced pullout points where the guylines are attached.

Claim 11 (original): The shelter structure of claim 10, wherein the awning includes means for securing rolled up portions of the split awning.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 11, wherein the spaced pullout points include means for securing rolled up portions of the split awning.

Claim 13 (original): The shelter structure of claim 11, wherein the awning includes circumferentially spaced means for selectively securing portions of the split portions of the awning.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 5, wherein the front awning is circumferentially coextensive with the canopy at the front arch support.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the rear awning is circumferentially coextensive with the canopy at the rear arch support.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the shelter canopy has an insect netting perimeter hanging from raised rear and side edges of the canopy to the ground.

Claim 17 (original): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the rear arch support includes a rear awning, the rear arch support being cantilevered outwardly and downwardly from the shelter canopy at a first acute angle, and the rear awning being angled downwardly from the rear arch support at a second greater acute angle, and wherein the front arch support includes a front awning angled downwardly at an acute angle to the vertical front support.

Claim 18 (original): The shelter structure of claim 17, wherein the front and rear arch supports are tensioned through the front and rear awnings by spaced guylines extending axially from the awnings.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 5, wherein the front awning between the spaced pullout points and the front arch support comprises a solid web of fabric, and the front awning is further split with a closable opening from a lower outer edge of the front awning to the spaced pullout points.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 19, wherein the spaced pullout points are arranged in a curved pattern corresponding to and spaced from the front arch support.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The shelter structure of claim 20, wherein the spaced pullout points are located closer to the front arch support than to the lower outer edge of the front awning.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the shelter canopy further comprises sidewall edges raised off the ground when the shelter canopy is raised off the ground on the front and rear arch supports, and insect netting hanging from the sidewall edges to the ground, and solid fabric side panels connected to the lower sidewall edges and movable between a rolled up storage position leaving the insect netting exposed, and a lowered position covering the insect netting for weather protection, the side panels further ~~having~~ comprising releasable tensioned connections at front and rear ends thereof to the front and rear arch supports.